Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, August 18th, 1882.

The Board of Aldermen met in the Council Chamber last night. Present—His Worship Mayor Meredith in the chair, Ald. Buckle, Minhinnick, Higgins, Ferguson, Skinner, Taylor, Jones, O'Meara, Hyman, Pritchard, Peel, Birrell, Crawford, Murray, Hunt, Sharman.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was received from Mr. George Holman asking permission to remove a rough-cast house from the Talbot street front of his lot to the rear, and make it face on Albert street; the cottage to be veneered with brick. Referred to No. 3, with power.

A petition against the request of A. M. Gunn and others, presented at last meeting, was received from Mr. E. Beltz. Referred to No. 2.

From Dr. Stone, in regard to moving the sidewalk on Queen's avenue, objecting to the destruction of the boulevards which would ensue, and recommending the removal of the fences from the front of the lots. Referred to No. 3.

Hiram Charlton, asking that his income tax be remitted. Referred to No. 1.

NUMBER THREE

No. Three Committee's report was read by Ald. Hunt, Chairman. It recommended (1) that Alexander Anderson's account of $3 50 for rewinding magnet of gong at fire station be paid; (2) that gas lamps be erected between Princess and Central avenues, on Waterloo street; in front of the city hospital; on east side of Wellington street, between King and York; and on the north side of Bathurst street, between Talbot and Ridout streets; (3) that Thomas Muir's communication in reference to Ontario Car Works' water supply be referred to the Council; (4) that Hospital accounts amounting to $670.98½ be paid; (5) that the Chairman be authorized to advertise for tenders for Hospital supplies; (6) that relief accounts amounting to $35 75 be paid; (7) that Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Moyne receive weekly one and two dollars respectively; (8) that John Fox be paid $17.25 for repairs to market scales; (9) that the rent of stall No. 18 in Market Bazaar, occupied by Geo. Shuff, be reduced from $9.50 to $8.50 per month.

Adopted without discussion.

CITY FINANCES.

Ald. Hyman presented the report of No. 1 Committee, recommending (1) that accounts amounting to $1,726.11 be paid; (2) reporting progress on Street & Becher's claim for legal expenses, W. H. Wilson's communication and J. M. Dufton's petition; (3) submitting the estimates; (4) that the claim of the School Board for arrears be referred to a Committee consisting of the two Chairmen and Ald. Hyman; (5) that the taxes of Jno. Davidson be held over until January 1st, 1883, without interest; (6) your Committee have had the estimates under careful consideration, and beg now to lay them before the Council; (7) that 22 mills be imposed as taxes, payable from October 15th to November 15th, at par, and 10 per cent. interest be charged on all taxes not then paid, the rolls to be returnable on March 1st, 1883; (8) that by-laws to this effect be prepared; (9) that by-laws for the collection of street block pavement rate be also prepared; (10) that five cents per foot be charged for street watering; (11) that the dog and statute labor tax be made payable from 15th August to 15th October, and that the roll be returnable on the 1st October.

The report was taken up clause by clause.

First and second clauses passed.

Ald. Hyman stated that the estimates this year were drawn out in a form which tended to make them more clear. The amount, $230 799 13, was only an approximate estimate of the liabilities, and did not include debentures. It would be absolutely necessary for the city to make provision to meet the large outstanding liabilities by the issue of debentures, which the City Solicitor believed could be authorized by the Ontario Legislature and issued by next February. The item for water-works expenditure seemed to him unnecessarily large. Without wishing to bring any charge against the Commissioners, he thought they hardly showed sufficient respect to this Board. Their estimated re-